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AGREEMENT

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1. SUMMARY: TURKISH-SOVIET TRADE PROTOCOL WITH TWO
ANNEXES IS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED ON APRIL 5, PROVIDING FOR
TWO-WAY TRADE VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$330 MILLION, 65 PERCENT
ABOVE LEVEL PLANNED IN 1977 PROTOCOL. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT
SOVIET TRADE DELEGATION IN ANKARA HAS POSTPONED CONSIDERATION OF
TURKISH REQUEST TO SELL WHEAT AND BUY PETROLEUM. IN ADDITION,

TURKISH-SOVIET ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT OF MARCH 15, 1977
(SEE REFAIR) REPORTEDLY WENT INTO EFFECT MARCH 31, 1978. END
SUMMARY.

2. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT PROTOCOL WILL
PROVIDE FOR TWO-WAY TRADE VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$295
MILLION BETWEEN APRIL 1, 1978 AND MARCH 31, 1979. 1977
PROTOCOL CALLED FOR \$200 MILLION, THOUGH WE UNDERSTAND
ONLY \$110 MILLION OF THIS WAS FULFILLED. 1978 PROTOCOL
IS REPORTED BY PRESS TO PROVIDE FOR TURKISH IMPORTS OF
\$138 MILLION, (AS COMPARED TO LAST YEAR'S \$93 MILLION),
AND TURKISH EXPORTS OF \$155-158 MILLION (PREVIOUSLY \$107
MILLION). TWO ANNEXES TO PROTOCOL FORESEE SOVIET EXPORT
TO TURKEY OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT VALUED AT \$36 MILLION
FOR ISKENDERUN IRON AND STEEL COMPLEX, BRINGING VALUE OF
TOTAL TRADE TO \$329 332 MILLION.

3. SOVIETS REPORTEDLY AGREED TO SUPPLY TURKEY WITH YAK-40
PASSENGER PLANES (VALUED AT \$3.7 MILLION), HELICOPTERS
(\$5 MILLION), HOVER-CRAFTS (\$1.6 MILLION), PULP WOOD
(\$1 MILLION), HEAVY-DUTY TRUCKS, AND TRACTORS. REPORTEDLY,
PRINCIPAL NEW TURKISH EXPORT WILL BE WOLFRAM (VALUED AT
\$2 MILLION IF TURKEY IS ABLE TO START PRODUCING WOLFRAM).

4. SOVIET TRADE DELEGATION, IN ANKARA FROM MARCH 15 TO
APRIL 5, HAS POSTPONED ACTION ON TURKISH REQUESTS FOR
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SOVIET REFINED AND CRUDE PETROLEUM AND FOR SOVIET IMPORT
OF TURKISH WHEAT UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR. THESE
PROPOSALS ARE TO BE REFERRED TO "TOP LEVEL."

5. IN SEPARATE BUT RELATED EVENT, TURKISH-SOVIET
FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION, SIGNED ON
MARCH 15, 1977, WENT INTO EFFECT ON MARCH 31, 1978, UR-
SUANT TO EXCHANGE OF RATIFIED DOCUMENTS BY SOVIET AMBASSA-
DOR RODIANOV AND MFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS CUHRUK.

6. COMMENT. PRESS REPORTS ON NEGOTIATIONS APPEARED
BETWEEN MARCH 30 AND APRIL 2 IN CUMHURIYET, MILLIYET,
AND TURKISH DAILY NEWS. EMBASSY CONTACTS IN MFA AND
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE CONFIRMED GIST OF PRESS REPORTS
ABOUT WHAT CONTACTS DESCRIBED AS ROUTINE MATTER. TURKISH
OFFICIALS REFUSED FURTHER COMMENT UNTIL AFTER APRIL 5,
WHEN THEY EXPECT PROTOCOL TO BE SIGNED. AGREE-
MENT IS EXPECTED TO BE GAZETTED IMMEDIATELY L THEREAFTER.

7. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT GOT OIL AND WHEAT TRADE PROPOSALS
ARE LIKELY TO BE ONE OF THE TOPICS DISCUSSED DURING

PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S VISIT TO MOSCOW IN JUNE. IT
COULD BE THAT SOVIET DECISION TO PROVIDE TURKEY WITH OIL
MAY BE INFLUENCED BY TURKISH WILLINGNESS TO SIGN NON-AGRES-
SION PACT.

8. SALE OF HELICOPTERS AND HOVERCRAFT, IF PRESS REPORTS ARE
TRUE, WOULD SEEM TO HAVE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS.

9. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPART-
MENTAL CLARIFICATION AS TO WHETHER WOLFRAM
(TUNGSTEN) IS PRESENTLY REGARDED AS A STRATEGIC MATERIAL
AND, IF SO, WHETHER TURKEY WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF NAY
INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING IF IT WERE TO PROVIDE THIS
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